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STATEMENT

E. Henry Knoche, 51, was sworn in as the new Deputy Director of Central Intelligence during a ceremony at CIA Headquarters on 7 July. Director of Central Intelligence, George Bush administered the oath of office.

In his introductory remarks, Bush paid tribute to the outgoing Deputy Director, Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, who served in that position for four years.

Bush pointed out that no previous Deputy Director had been charged by Presidential executive order, as is the new Deputy, to perform certain management functions. It was a reference to President Ford's Executive Order issued last February, which spelled out a reorganization of the intelligence community. Under that order, the Deputy Director is to assume responsibility for the Agency's day-to-day management.

Knoche, noting in his response to Bush that the intelligence profession now is adjusting to new guidelines



and new oversight, said that "we enter a new era with firm resolve to improve our performance with full regard for the law and the constitutional rights of American citizens."

Knoche added: "We seek excellence in a new spirit of cooperation with Congress and its intelligence oversight bodies. In the process, we will seek the support and understanding of intelligence by the American public."

Knoche, a 23-year CIA veteran, won Senate confirmation on July 1.

Among guests at the ceremony on July 7 were Philip Buchen, Counsel to the President, former CIA Director William E. Colby, and Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, Bush's Deputy for the Intelligence Community.